

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

STEPHEN M. ALLEN ET. AL.

CASE NO.: BB1157USCNT

APPLICATION NO.: NOT YET  
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GROUP ART UNIT: NOT YET  
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FILED: CONCURRENTLY HEREWITH

EXAMINER: NOT YET ASSIGNED

FOR: A NUCLEIC ACID ENCODING A WHEAT BRITTLE-1 HOMOLOG

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**Introductory Comments**

Before examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows: